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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

TUESDAY, NOV. 7, 1916

MAYOR JONES HEARD FROM.

Mayor C. D. Jones has a lengthy article in this issue of The News, in reply to Mr. R. E. Wylie's communication and our own recent editorial. On reference to supplying the Lancaster Cotton Mills with city water. It is a matter of regret that the mayor should have lost his temper, dignity and accustomed coolness, at a mere request for information about a matter of so great interest and importance to the public, which request was made in behalf of the public and expressed in courteous language, in marked contrast to the mayor's reply.

We are not yet convinced by the mayor on the only points at issue, viz.:

First. Whether the city is getting a reasonable profit if it furnishes water to the Cotton Mills at seven cents per thousand gallons, and

Second. Whether the present source of supply would not be endangered by such contract.

In reference to the first matter, it is well to remember that citizens of the town are now paying for water, at 1-2 cents per 1,000 gallons, up to 2,000, then 30 cents on each 1,000 in excess, the rate diminishing in proportion, but no water, in any quantity, at present, is furnished to citizens, or non-residents, at the extremely low rate of seven cents. The city is now furnishing water to non-residents at the rate of 50 cents per thousand gallons up to 2,000 with, perhaps a diminishing rate for all in excess of that quantity. The question naturally arises why should such discrimination be made in favor of other non-residents in the mill district, as against citizens of the town and other non-residents who are now being charged so much higher rate, and it being taken into consideration, that citizens have the burden of paying taxes on property and bonds?

If water is to be furnished to consumers at the mill, why should it be done directly and at the full price now furnished to non-resident consumers?

The mayor stresses the fact that the city is already furnishing the water to the mill, L. & C. railroad and manufacturing plants at 7 cents per thousand gallons. But all of these licenses and property taxes into the city treasury which is not the case with the Lancaster Cotton Mills which in two different elections, by a choice refused to come in as a part of the city and enjoy its benefits and help bear its burdens.

Now as to the sufficiency of the water supply, the mayor says: "There is, in my opinion, absolutely no doubt the sufficiency of the water supply now available to take care of the growth of the city for many years to come and still have many millions to spare." While there may be NOW, which fact we do not admit, there may not be in the future, when we consider the present rapid increase in the population of the city. The mayor, himself as if anticipating a possible diminution of water supply, suggested that additional reservoirs might be constructed. This would be at the expense of the city for the benefit of the mill. The great danger that we apprehend is that the city may be forced by such contract to go six miles to the Catawba river for water which would necessitate the issuing of additional bonds to defray the expense.

We have not attempted to reply in detail to the mayor's communication, much that he has injected herein being foreign to the issue in-

involved. We shall not indulge in personalities and insinuations as the mayor has done, there being no argument in such indulgence and no information to the public. The mayor seeks to becloud the issue by saying that we are in "combination in hostility to certain members of the city council and to Col. Springs as president of the Lancaster Cotton Mills." Our sole aim in this controversy is to subserve the interests of the city of Lancaster, regardless of all other considerations.

Further, possibly, to divert public attention from the issues in question, Mayor Jones brings in the recent newspaper fight by stating that Luther Ellison and his associates, directors of the Lancaster Publishing Company, have "usurped control of The Lancaster News." The Supreme Court of South Carolina, in a recent unanimous opinion decided against Mayor Jones and his associates that Luther Ellison and his associates, instead of being usurpers are rightful and legal majority directors of that company. It will be recalled that this suit was brought by Mayor Jones and his associates against Luther Ellison and his associates.

As to the mayor's lengthy eulogy of Mr. Leroy Springs, his friend and business associate, it is most generous, profuse and doubtless interesting to many of his admirers, yet wholly foreign to the matter under discussion.

We feel that the public has, through our efforts, been put into possession of facts of which they were before in ignorance. This we conceive to be the duty of a public journal. We repeat what we said in the closing sentence of the edi-

torial to which the mayor takes exception: "In city building, the limelight of publicity will always augment all undertakings pertaining to the general good of all the people."

QUARTERLY MEETING
OF DIVISION NO. 1.

Following is the program for the quarterly meeting of Division No. 1 to be held with the Kershaw Baptist church on Saturday, November 18th:

The meeting will be held at the tent on church lot.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional, Rev. J. P. Tucker.

Welcome Address, Mrs. M. J. Hough.

Response, Mrs. J. T. Faulkenberry.

Verbal report from societies.

Hymn.

The Why and How of Mission Study, Mrs. W. C. and Mrs. C. P. Nanney.

How Convince the Societies of the Importance of the Standard of Excellence, Mrs. B. F. Carson.

Report of the State Meeting, Mrs. R. R. Williams.

Social Hour. (Dinner served at the tent.)

Devotional, Miss Annette Stover.

Bible Story Hour, Mrs. W. W. Nanney.

The Value of the Quarterly Meeting, Mrs. N. C. Small.

Lesson on Parliamentary Rules, Mrs. T. A. Dabney.

All churches in Division No. 1 are urged to send delegates. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

Please come prepared to take part in the discussion of subjects.

MRS. D. R. FLETCHER,

Pres. Div. No. 1.

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AMUSEMENTS---HERBERT'S Greater Shows---Some of the features are: Herbert's Greater Minstrels, or Colored Aristocracy, with eighteen all star performers, with their own band and orchestra. Herbert's Water Nymphs, four beautiful swimming and diving girls, in a daring aquatic exhibition. Herbert's Palace of Mystery, presenting a series of illusions that will mystify and amuse. Wild West Show, with a number of broncho busters, fancy riders and ropers. Herbert's Circus Side Show, with curiosities and freaks from every clime. Monster Man-Eating Shark, recently captured in the Shark raids off the Coast of New Jersey---fourteen feet in length and weighs a ton. Golden West Show---Depicting scenes and incidents of the days when the Red Man ruled the plains, with the largest portable Dance Floor ever carried by a traveling organization.

PARADES---Grand Automobile Parade, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock Handsome prizes given for the best decorated cars. Mammoth and Magnificent School Children's Parade, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. All schools in County participating. Prizes for best decorated Floats, etc.

FREE ATTRACTIONS---twice daily---Band Concerts--Sailor JACK in his daring CLOUD SWING--The Flying Leons in their thrilling TRAPEZE and IRON JAW Act. THURSDAY and FRIDAY---Capt. Osby Grant in His SENSATIONAL BALLOON ASCENSION.

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